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Happenings Newsletter

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board

Opportunity for Public Comment during Formation of an SAB Panel

The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) is forming a panel to conduct an interim review of the concept of the Agency's Particulate Matter (PM) Research Centers. Last fall, as a step in implementing recommendations made by the General Accounting Office for having greater public input and access to the panel formation process, the SAB issued a public solicitation for names of candidates who should be considered for this panel.

From a list of roughly 50 candidates, there remain 14 with the requisite technical skills who are interested in serving on the panel and who are available to meet in Washington, D.C. on the designated dates: February 11-12, 2002. From this list of 14 candidates, the SAB Staff Director, in consultation with the Panel Chair and the SAB Chair, will select the final panel of 8-12 members during the week of January 21, 2002.

Brief biosketches on the candidates are available on the SAB website (www.epa.gov/sab) under the "New" button on the Home page and, subsequently, under "Formation of an SAB Panel to Conduct an Interim Review of EPA's Particulate Matter (PM) Research Centers."

At this time, the SAB invites comments that any member of the public might care to make regarding the candidates and their suitability for serving on the panel. Those comments will be used to inform the final selection process.

Comments should be submitted by email to both Dr. Donald Barnes (barnes.don@epa.gov) and Ms. Diana Pozun (pozun.diana@epa.gov) no later than 4PM on Friday, January 18, 2002 in order to be considered in the process.

The intention had originally been to provide two weeks for comments, and that will remain the goal in future panel formation processes. However, the fixed date of the meeting has limited the comment period to one week in this case.

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